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| Applicant(s):    | <b>Daniel Jacobus Steenkamp</b>      | ) |            |             |
| Title:           | <b>A METHOD OF ISOLATING A THIOL</b> | ) |            |             |
| Art Unit:        | <b>Not Yet Assigned</b>              | ) |            |             |
| Examiner:        | <b>Not Yet Assigned</b>              | ) |            |             |
| Attorney Docket: | <b>87441</b>                         | ) |            |             |
| Customer No.:    | <b>22242</b>                         | ) |            |             |

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**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**

Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 dated \_\_\_\_\_,

- ☒ A copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 is enclosed.
- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time for reply within the \_\_\_\_\_ month is attached.
- ☒ An executed Declaration for Patent Application, including Power of Attorney, is enclosed.
- ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement, PTO/SB/08a Substitute for Form 1994/A PTO and foreign references as indicated.
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ sheet(s) of drawings are enclosed. ☐ Formal ☐ Informal
- ☐ An Assignment of the invention to \_\_\_\_\_, and Recordation Form Cover Sheet - Patents Only - Form PTO-1595, are enclosed.

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- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the fee for recording the assignment is enclosed.
- ☐ The Recordation Form Cover Sheet includes authorization to charge our Deposit Account for recording the assignment. Charge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

☒ The fees are calculated below:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Provisional Application Filing Fee                |         | \$ 200.00 |           |
| Application size fee for each additional 50 sheets that exceeds 100 sheets | _____ x | \$ 250.00 | = \$ 0.00 |
| Surcharge Fee  |         | \$ 50.00  |           |
| Search Fee   |         | \$ 100.00 |           |
| Examination Fee  |         | \$ 130.00 |           |
| Total Fees   |         |           | \$ 0.00   |

- ☐ Applicant(s) assert entitlement to Small Entity Status (37 C.F.R. § 1.27), reducing the Total Fees by half to: \$ 0.00

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic Filing Fee - Utility             |                                  | \$ 300.00   |           |
| Independent Claims   | <u>2</u> - <u>3</u> = <u>0</u>   | x \$ 200.00 | = \$ 0.00 |
| Total Claims   | <u>18</u> - <u>20</u> = <u>0</u> | x \$ 50.00  | = \$ 0.00 |
| Fee for Multiple Dependent Claims  |                                  | \$ 360.00   |           |
| Surcharge Fee  |                                  | \$ 130.00   | \$ 130.00 |
| Application Size Fee for each additional 50 sheets that exceeds 100 sheets | _____ x                          | \$ 250.00   | = \$ 0.00 |
| Search Fee   |                                  | \$ 500.00   |           |
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| Total Fees   |                                  |             | \$ 130.00 |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Basic Filing Fee - Design |  | \$ 200.00 |         |
| Surcharge Fee                                      |  | \$ 130.00 |         |
| Search Fee   |  | \$ 100.00 |         |
| Examination Fee                                    |  | \$ 130.00 |         |
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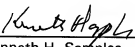
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☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17 during its entire pendency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. This sheet is filed in duplicate.

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**NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)**

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Indication of Small Entity Status
- Copy of the International Application filed on 02/24/2006
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 02/24/2006
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 02/24/2006
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 02/24/2006
- Oath or Declaration filed on 02/24/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 02/24/2006
- Specification filed on 02/24/2006
- Claims filed on 02/24/2006
- Abstracts filed on 02/24/2006
- Drawings filed on 02/24/2006

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date. The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) in that it:
  - is not executed in accordance with either 37 CFR 1.66 or 37 CFR 1.68.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

**SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:**

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$65** for a Small Entity:

- **\$65** Surcharge.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

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